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SUBJECT : Biweekly conferences with Dr. Hilger

1. Arrangements have been made for Dr. Gustav Hilger to comment on a fortnightly basis and for the benefit of specially interested personnel on the implications of current events from the viewpoint of Soviet policy. Meetings will be held in conference room 2035 K Building at 1030 hours on alternate Thursdays, beginning 11 May, 1950. Dr. Hilger will speak for about 25 minutes and thereafter will be available for questions for about 30 minutes. Space considerations limit the number of participants in these conferences to fifteen. Division and staff chiefs will be notified later as to the number of seats available to their units.

2. It is requested that the following considerations be brought to the attention of each participant in these meetings:

a. Competence of Dr. Hilger. Dr. Hilger has an extraordinary background of experience with the German Embassy in Moscow, terminating in 1941. He is extremely well read in current literature and periodicals on and from the Soviet Union. He has access to considerable amounts of classified intelligence information. He is not, however, in possession of the complete intelligence picture and his views, therefore, must be accepted as those of a very intelligent, experienced but not necessarily completely informed individual. In no way should they be accepted as official doctrine.

b. Security Considerations

(1) Dr. Hilger must be treated on the basis that he is unacquainted with the OPC mission, and the activities and operations deriving therefrom.

(2) It is undesirable that Dr. Hilger's opinions on GERMANY be solicited as an original matter. Questions on GERMANY arising from Dr. Hilger's own statements are permissible.

(3) Discussion on possible peacetime operations must be based on a logically stated hypothesis that the operations in question are overt in character. Care should be taken to adhere to this hypothesis throughout discussions.

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(4) It is appropriate to discuss the probable course of a future war between the U.S. and the USSR, and in this connection to bring up matters which imply clandestine activity (e.g. encouragement of racial and regional fissions, utilization of clandestine broadcasts). Even in this context, however, it is not desirable to touch on clandestine operational techniques or substantive plans.

  
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